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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two-months to expire on May 17, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVIS/1016C/RDE, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7 with the following paragraph: